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Application No. : 10/642,756

Group Art Unit: 3738

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For : INTERVERTEBRAL SPACER

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Transmitted herewith is a **Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116** in the above-captioned application.☒ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.☐ A Request for Extension of Time.☒ No additional fee is required.

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 7, 2006, setting forth a three-month shortened statutory period for response to expire on June 7, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.
Remarks begin on page 5 of this Response.